A.P.'s NEWEST MMR No. 37

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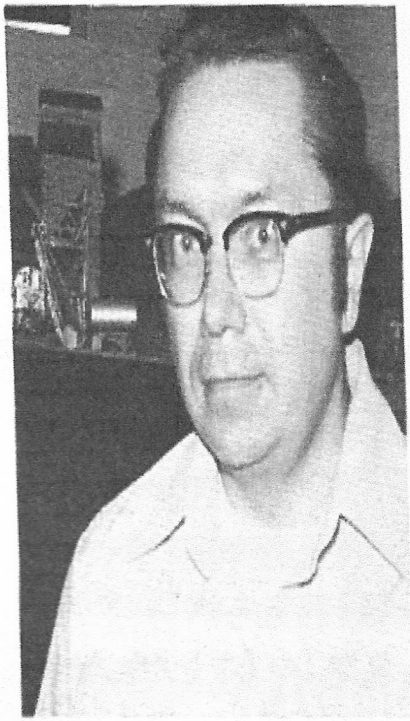
Dick's interest in Model Railroading comes from the Lionel Christmas set that his father put up each year. When American Flyer HO came in the mid-forties, Dick obtained a set and kept up a series of constantly rebuilt 4x8 layouts in the basement of his Washington, D.C. home until college. At MIT Dick joined the Tech Model RR Club, and was its president during his senior year. This first opportunity to participate in club model railroading convinced him that fellowship is an important aspect of our hobby.

After joining the Burroughs Corporation as a senior engineer in the Defense, Space and Special Products Group in Paoli, Pa., where he designs digital computers, Dick became a member of the Nor-Mont Model RR Club of Norristown, Pa. in 1964. Through Nor-Mont contests Dick developed modeling practice and techniques. Several of these club models have gone on to win in Mid-Eastern Region Convention contests. So far Dick has nineteen awards from the MER, including two President's Awards.

As a volunteer in MER, Dick was the Club Liaison Chairman for four years. During this period he assisted in the organization of the Main Line Society of Model Engineers in suburban Philadelphia, and in the period 1967-69 was Chairman of the Delaware Valley Council of Model RR Clubs, a loose federation of fifteen clubs. Then in 1970 Dick organized the Philadelphia Division of the Mid-Eastern Region and was its superintendent for two years. In addition to attending MER Conventions twice a year and NMRA Conventions every two years, Dick contributes to MER Board meetings several times each year.



When he moved into a new apartment in 1970, there was a spare bedroom just for his layout. The Pennsylvania and Maryland was a year in planning before the benchwork began, but once started, the planning paid off. On the 7x10 layout are 200 feet of hand laid track of code 83, 70 and 55 rail. All 48 turnouts are hand made. The electrical system with 15 blocks, 3 transistor throttles and automatic cab using digital logic and integrated circuits was the basis of a series of articles in the MER LOCAL.

Scenery on the P&M is about ¾ done and models the green rolling hills of north western Maryland. Work on this layout has led to several articles (and, more are planned) and clinics ranging from weathering with vinyl emulsion paints through track techniques to limestone quarrying practice.

In addition to the MASTER MODEL RAILROADER Certificate, Dick has the following AP Certificates to his credit: Master Builder—Motive Power, Cars, Structures, and Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer—Civil and Electrical; Association Volunteer; and Model Railroad Author.

In addition to being a Life Member of both NMRA and MER, Dick is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and a member of the Association for Computing Machinery.